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FRANKFURT FOR GAO MR. CONAHAN

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SUBJECT:GAO SURVEY: POPULATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS
IN GHANA

1. OVER PAST MONTHS GAO WASHDC HAS BEEN STUDYING POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS IN THE DEPARTMENT AND AID/W, PLUS VISITS TO USUN FOR DISCUSSIONS ON RELATED UNDP AND UNFPA MATTERS. GAO NOW PLANS CONTINUE SURVEY AT OVERSEAS AREAS, SELECTING GHANA AS ONE OF A NUMBER OF COUNTRIES FOR ITS FIELD WORK. GAO AUDITORS EUROPEAN BRANCH (FRANKFURT) WILL CONDUCT GHANA STUDY O/A MARCH 8, APPROXIMATELY FOUR WEEKS AT POST. GAO BRANCH DIRECTOR WILL FURNISH EMBASSY WITH NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF AUDITORS,

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NISH EMBASSY WITH NAMES AND SECURITY CLEARANCES OF AUDITORS,

AND OF THEIR ACTUAL ARRIVAL DATES.

2. GAO SURVEY EFFORTS OVERSEAS BEING DIRECTED TO GATHERING INFORMATION ON POPULATION AND CERTAIN SOCIO-ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMS THAT ARE AFFECTED BY THE POPULATION GROWTH RATE. PROGRAMS FOR STUDY ARE THOSE OF USG, HOST COUNTRY, UN, VOLAGS, AND OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES. GAO ADVISES THAT SURVEY OBJECTIVE IS TO OBTAIN USEFUL ANALYTICAL DATA FOR THE CONGRESS RELATIVE TO THEIR AUTHORIZATION AND APPROPRIATION FOR POPULATION AND FAMILY PLANNING PROGRAMS.

3. GAO AWARE THAT APPOINTMENTS OR CONTACTS WITH HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS, OR OFFICIALS OF VOLAGS AND/OR OTHER DONOR COUNTRIES, ARE AT DISCRETION OF AMBASSADOR, TO BE ARRANGED FOR BY THE EMBASSY, AND WITH THE CONCURRENCE OF THE APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS. GAO TEAM WILL ALSO WISH MEET WITH UN REPS RE THEIR ONGOING POP PROGRAMS. HOWEVER, DEPARTMENT/UNNY ADVANCE CLEARANCE REQUIRED AND WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTTEL. TO EXTENT POSSIBLE, DISCUSSIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED IN PRESENCE EMBOFFICER.

4. DEPARTMENT WISHES BE FORTHCOMING AND COOPERATE WITH GAO ON SUBJECT SURVEY WITHIN PROVISIONS 4 FAM 930-934. QUESTIONS OR PROBLEMS ARISING DURING COURSE OF SURVEY SHOULD BE REFERRED TO DEPARTMENT. KISSINGER

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